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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S SECURITY/CARLOS IN YUGOSLAVIA

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1. COUNSELOR CALLED ON FSFA NORTH AMERICAN OFFICE DIRECTOR STARCEVIC SEP 10 TO BRING TO HIS ATTENTION SUSPICIOUS INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE SECURITY OF AMBASSADOR AND HIS FAMILY WHICH HAVE OCCURRED THIS WEEK CONTEMPORANEOUS WITH PRESENCE OF TERRORIST CARLOS IN YUGOSLAVIA. HE INFORMED STARCEVIC OF THE CONVERSATION OVERHEARD IN GRAZ (REFTEL A), TWO CARS WHICH SEEM TO HAVE ACTED SUSPICIOUSLY IN FRONT OF THE RESIDENCE (ONE TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS REPORTED BY WIFE OF CANADIAN AMBASSADOR), AND A BREAK-IN SEP 9 AT THE GUEST HOUSE ON THE RESIDENCE GROUNDS. (FYI: RSO HAS INVESTIGATED AND REPORTED THIS BREAK-IN TO YUGOSLAV POLICE, WHO HAVE COOPERATED WITH ADDED SECURITY AT RESIDENCE).

2. STARCEVIC SAID HE WOULD PASS THE INFORMATION TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY AND OFFERED ASSURANCES THAT THE GOY WOULD DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PROTECT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR. COUNSELOR ASKED WHETHER STARCEVIC HAD ANY INFORMATION ON CARLOS'S VISIT TO WHICH HE RESPONDED IN THE NEGATIVE. STARCEVIC  
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THEN SAID HE HAD RELAYED THE AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST

REGARDING CARLOS (REFTEL B) TO HIS SUPERIORS, AND THEY HAD ASKED HIM TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THE AMBASSADOR STILL DESIRED TO SEE SOMEONE MORE SENIOR. HE ASKED WHETHER AMBASSADOR STILL "INSISTS" ON RAISING THE MATTER WITH SOMEONE MORE SENIOR THAN HIMSELF.

3. COMMENT: YUGOSLAVS ARE STILL DUCKING ON THE CARLOS AFFAIR. UNDER SECRETARY MOJSOV WAS AT BULGARIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION SEPT 9 BUT STAYED IN PRIVATE ROOM, PRESUMABLY TO AVOID AMBASSADOR AND OTHER WESTERN AMBASSADORS. TODAY SUP TOLD FRG EMBASSY THAT CARLOS AND COMPANIONS NEVER ENTERED, AND HAVE COME UP WITH ABSOLUTELY UNBELIEVABLE STORY THAT CARLOS LOOK-ALIKE CAME IN AND IS HERE, BUT HE IS ONLY AN ALGERIAN PROFESSOR WITH A DELEGATION IN YUGOSLAVIA TO STUDY COMMUNICATION WITH RADIO-TELEVISION BELGRADE. BUT SUP REFUSED TO GIVE ANY OTHER INFO ABOUT THIS "PROFESSOR" AND HIS COMPANIONS. AMBASSADOR BELIEVES ANOTHER CALL WILL CONTRIBUTE LITTLE TO APPREHENSION OF CARLOS, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF REPORT CARLOS PROBABLY DEPARTED YUGOSLAVIA (REF C). QUESTION IS DO WE WISH TO EMBARRASS YUGOSLAVS FURTHER. WHAT IS DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE? INCIDENTS RAISED WITH STARCEVIC INVOLVING POSSIBLE THREAT TO AMBASSADOR'S SECURITY PROBABLY NO MORE THAN HARRASSMENT ON PART OF INTERIOR MINISTRY. SILBERMAN

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